

TAMIL NESAN HIGHLIGHTS, JAN 13, 1998, TUESDAY
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1. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the existing stability is helping Malaysia to pull through the current economic and currency crisis. The government is handling the difficult time well because of such stability, he said. Page 1 Lead story

2. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said as the country is struggling to manage its economic and currency crisis it is vital to repatriate one million foreign workers to their countries. Page 1

3. PULAU PINANG: A survey by Consumer Association of Penang (CAP) shows there is 117 per cent increase this month in the prices of various spices used for cooking. The price of curry powder and other spices went up 33 per cent last month. Page 1

4. KUALA LUMPUR: MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said Malaysians, known for their co-operative nature and commitment, will be able to pull through the difficult time and put the economy back on track. Page 1

5. JOHOR BAHRU: Johor is planning to set up fair-price shops in every district. The state Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Department has so far identified some 204 shops for the purpose, a department spokesman said. Page 3

6. TELUK INTAN: Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid said a special talk on intra-Asean trade using local currencies benefiting the members of regional grouping will be held soon. He hopes Asean members would be receptive to the proposed scheme. Page 3

7. ALOR SETAR: The Agriculture Ministry rejected rumours that the price of rice will be increased. The price of various categories of rice will remain although the price of padi has been increased, said the ministry's Parliamentary secretary Datuk Abu Bakar Taib. Page 6

8. KUALA TERENGGANU: Terengganu will launch an agriculture programme to boost self-sufficiency in food. The state Agriculture Department said the state spends some RM150 million worth of imported food annually. Page 10

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